IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006 0815A

Tadamasa TOMA et al. : Confirmation No. 4358

Serial No. 10/580,468 : Group Art Unit 2621

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STREAM GENERATION APPARATUS, STREAM GENERATION METHOD, CODING APPARATUS, CODING METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM AND

PROGRAM THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: